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SUBJ: US PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW AIR NAV SERVICES DEN/ICE JOINT
FINANCING AGREEMENTS

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1. U.S. PROPOSAL DISTRIBUTED AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18 ENGLISH/
FRENCH AS JS-WP 939.
2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18
SETTING FORTH SECRETARIAT'S PROBLEMS RE THIS PROPOSAL. USREP
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS ASAP IF US PROPOSAL IS
TO BE LOBBIED WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS EFFECTIVELY.
3. TEXT OF LETTER: QUOTE 18 SEPTEMBER 1975 DEAR MADAM,
I WISH TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 17 SEPTEMBER AND ATTACHMENT
THERE TO REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES UNDER
THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH DENMARK AND ICELAND. AS
REQUESTED BY YOU, THE ATTACHMENT TO YOUR LETTER IS BEING
REPRODUCED AS JS-WP/939 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE JOINT SUPPORT
COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER.
"WE HAVE ALSO EXAMINED THE MATTER IN THE SECRETARIAT AND CON-
CLUDED THAT THE REVIEW THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING IS NOT
OF THE TYPE THAT IS COVERED BY ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE
DANISH AND ICELANDIC AGREEMENTS. THEREFORE, IF THE COMMITTEE
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WOULD ASK ME TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED REVIEW, ANY COSTS THAT

MIGHT ARISE (SUCH AS POSSIBLY ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2.2 OF YOUR LETTER) COULD NOT BE FINANCED FROM INTEREST ON THE RESERVE FUNDS OF EACH OF THE AGREEMENTS.

"FURTHERMORE, IF THE COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE TO THE ACTION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF YOUR LETTER, IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THE PROPOSED REVIEW AND ACTIONS THAT WOULD FOLLOW WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, CURRENTLY PROVIDING AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES IN GREENLAND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK, INTEND TO CEASE OPERATING THOSE SERVICES ON 31 DECEMBER 1975. THE QUESTION THEREFORE ARISES AS TO HOW THE NECESSARY AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES CAN CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BEYOND 31 DECEMBER, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE REVIEW IS COMPLETED IN 1976.

"TWO POSSIBILITIES APPEAR TO OFFER THEMSELVES, AND I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE. THE FIRST POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES MAY BE WILLING TO CONTINUE OPERATING THEIR SERVICES IN GREENLAND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE REVIEW IS COMPLETED. THE SECOND POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY BE ABLE TO AGREE TO THE JOINT FINANCING OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE AIRSPACE AND AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1976, DURING WHICH TIME THE REVIEW WOULD BE COMPLETED. HOWEVER, IF AT THE END OF 1976 IT WERE DECIDED TO LIMIT THE SERVICES, THIS SECOND POSSIBILITY COULD GIVE RISE TO CERTAIN FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, E.G. IN REIMBURSING DENMARK, AND POSSIBLY ICELAND, FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO BE UNNECESSARY.

"I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL ASSIST THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER.
YOURS VERY TRULY, ASSAD KOTAITE, SECRETARY GENERAL"
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